



Big Emory

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Dear BEBA Churches,

The 134th annual meeting of the Big Emory Baptist Association is now history – and what a good meeting it was. I want to thank Pat and her helpers and volunteers for their help in getting ready for the meeting. Our hats are off to Richard Jones and staff, Charlie Hampton, the hostess committee, and a host of volunteers for the meal and a great job of making us welcome and meeting our needs. There was a good crowd and a wonderful spirit of fellowship and cooperation. Dr. Jim West made an excellent moderator and the officers, team leaders and guests also did a wonderful job with their reports. The special music and the congregational singing and playing planned by Dr. Harry Fritts led us beautifully to the annual sermon by Dr. Bryant Millsaps, president of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. I wish I could name everybody because so many did so much. But let me just sum it up by saying a big thank you to all who attended and participated in our annual meeting. God bless you each one. It was a great day and to God be the glory.

Some of our team leaders are already picking team members and making plans for the new year.

Our November Executive Board Meeting was cancelled because of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the next meeting will be on December 14th at South Harriman Baptist Church at 9 a.m.

On a more personal note, Joyce and I want to thank you for the wonderful gift of appreciation for October. I know we will enjoy our stay at Whitestone. Also the new budget for 2009-2010 reflected a raise for the association staff and we are deeply grateful. Thank you for your prayers, support, and cooperation. I'm excited about the new year and working with all of you. As I tried to say at the annual meeting, I want to try even harder to "make much of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Bro. Mason

The Search is On!

Jesus used parables to illustrate the concept of being lost. You remember He talked about a sheep, a coin and a son who all lost their way from the one who loved them; one of the great teachings from these stories is that that which was lost must be looked for or else it remains lost forever.

This still holds true today in America (Big Emory). The lost are only won to Christ when someone searches for them. Even Jesus said, "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Never before have people needed so desperately to hear the gospel. The need is undeniable. We must seize the kingdom opportunity before us and boldly share the good news of Jesus Christ with all the lost people all around us. I'm thankful for what is already being done and the search must not only continue, but increase and intensify if that which was lost is found.

People from every nation are now our neighbors. America's population is estimated at 300 million and projected to grow to 440 million by 2050.

If the fields are searched we are going to have to work harder, more diligently and more cooperatively than ever before.

It's a bold, God sized goal and only with His help will we ever get it done! God bless you and keep on searching.

Winter Coat Give-Away, Morgan and Roane Counties

Storehouse Ministry Center in Wartburg, Saturday, December 2, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will also be winter clothes available. Please bring a large garbage bag for shopping! We are in need of blankets and good clean coats.

Church News:

Daysville Baptist Church honored their pastor and wife, Rev. Hascue and Mary Helen Carter, on October 11th in observance of pastor appreciation day. A luncheon followed the morning worship service. The pastor was presented a card and monetary gift.

Robert D. Langford IV, the minister of youth at Kellytown Baptist Church was recently ordained to the gospel ministry. Remember him, his family and his ministry in your prayers.

Tony Boswell has recently resigned as pastor of Paradise Baptist Church in Rockwood. Remember Tony, his family, and the Paradise Church in your prayers.

Women on Mission at South Harriman Baptist Church presents "Ladies and Lattes" on Thursday, November 12th at 6 p.m. Tina Wesson, Survivor Winner, will be the guest speaker and Fuel will bring the special music.

Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 405 Old Johnston Valley Road, Kingston, is having its Annual Women's Ministry Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Church Activities Building. Many handmade gifts and refreshments will be available for purchase. This is a terrific opportunity to start Christmas Shopping. Gift wrapping will be available for gifts bought at the Bazaar or bring gifts to be wrapped. Everyone is invited to attend.

Revival – First Baptist Church Rockwood, 309 N. Chamberlain, Sunday, November 15th – Wednesday, November 18th. Speaker will be Dr. Brad Whitt. Our evening services begin at 6:30 p.m.

January Bible Study – "Stories for Life: Jesus' Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew." Materials available at LifeWay in Turkey Creek

The BCM at Cason Newman begins their 84th year of ministry to the college and community by offering the following: Disciple Now Teams, The Light Crew, Seed Company, New Nation and student and staff speakers. Contact Nenette Measels at 865.471.3437 or nmeasels@cn.edu for more information

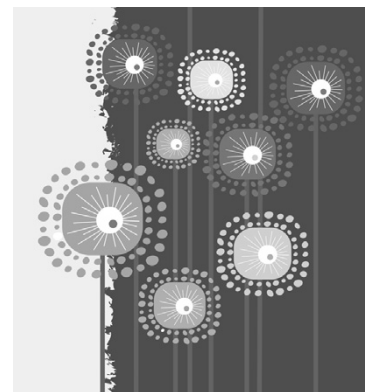
Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Leagues

Registrations for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading league, a fun and exciting Christian sports league for boys and girls (k5 – 6th grade), will be held on November 12th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at First Baptist Kingston's Family Life Center. Cost is \$60.00 which includes uniform. For more information contact Mike Whittenbarger, 924-2862, Tony Workman, 617.1343 or FBC Kingston Church office 376.6041.

Visit www.tnbaptist.org for a complete list of missions and ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Remember in prayer our churches without pastors:

Caney Ford, Coal Hill, Crab Orchard, Paradise, Riggs Chapel



"It's beginning to look like..." well almost, and that means it's time to start praying and planning for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. For more information and free materials, visit www.imb.org/offering.

BLESSINGS

As we near the "Thanksgiving Season" be thinking about your special blessings that you could share as you gather around that bountiful meal. It's a time honored tradition in many of our homes and churches.

May God bless in a special way as many of our churches have a community worship service and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together.

DON'T FORGET

Pastors and/or churches, we need your email addresses.

There is still time to send in your 2009 VBS Report.

Please send in your ACP's as soon as possible. In order for your church information to be included in the BEBA Minutes, we must have your ACP by January 8, 2010.

Please let us know if you have information you want listed on the BEBA website.

Thought!

In order for the Cooperative Program to remain the wonderful instrument of God, used in reaching our world for Christ we must be as interested in what we can contribute to it as we are in what we can receive from it.

Tracts for our Prison Ministry Christmas bags are available at the BEBA Office!

Paradise Baptist church in Rockwood and Three Rivers Community Baptist church in Kingston were taken out of watch care at our annual meeting and placed in full partnership with our Big Emory Baptist Churches. Please help make them welcome.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

Regular BEBA Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lunch 12 noon – 1 p.m.

Prayer Time at the BEBA Office every Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Storehouse Ministry Center – 423.346.5267 – Fax - 865.882.5888

Check out our website: www.beba.ws.

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day! BEBA Office Closed

November 27 – BEBA Office Closed

November 29 – December 6 – Week of Prayer, International Missions, Lottie Moon Offering

December 1 – Harriman Ministerial Association Meeting, 10 a.m. at the BEBA Office

December 1 – Pastors/Staff & Wives Banquet, First Baptist Wartburg, 6 p.m.

December 3 – Christmas Drop-In, BEBA Office, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

December 3 – Prayer Team Meeting, 1 p.m. at the BEBA Office

December 3 – Rebuild Ministry Team Meeting, 7 p.m. at the BEBA Office

December 9 – Executive Board Meeting, 9 a.m. at South Harriman Baptist Church

December 24 – Christmas Eve! BEBA Office Closed

December 25 – Christmas Day! BEBA Office Closed

December 28 – January 1 – Holidays! BEBA Closed

